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PATENT
Docket No. 18950-67

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application Of:

Virtanen, Jorma A.

Serial Number: 09/139,213

Filing Date: August 24, 1998

Entitled: CASSETTE AND APPLICATOR FOR
BIOLOGICAL CHEMICAL SAMPLE
COLLECTION

Group Art Unit: 3736

Examiner: Max Hindenburg

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**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.182 and 37 CFR 1.53(e) TO CONVERT THE
CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(d) TO A
CONTINUING APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

Dear Sir or Madam:

1. This petition is in response to the Decision On The Petition, Paper No. 17, mailed on March 14, 2001. A copy of the decision is attached.
2. This is a petition under 37 CFR 1.182 to convert a continued prosecution application (CPA) filed under 37 CFR 1.53(d) to a continuing application under 37 CFR 1.53(b). This request is in accordance with the second paragraph of the section "IN GENERAL" falling under MPEP Section 201.06(d) which reads:

"If applicant wants the PTO to disregard a previously filed request for a CPA (and not recognize its inherent request to expressly abandon the prior application) and to treat the paper as the filing of an application under 37 CFR 1.53(b), the applicant must file a petition under 37 CFR 1.182."

3. On February 20, 2001, Applicant filed a request for a "Continued Prosecution Application (CPA)". A "Preliminary Amendment", an "Information Disclosure Statement", "Form PTO-1449" and references accompanied that request.

4. Along with the CPA, Applicant filed a "Petition to Withdraw" the parent application (Serial No. 09/139,213 entitled "Cassette and Applicator for Biological Chemical Sample Collection" filed August 24, 1998) from issue in favor of the CPA. The petition was not granted by the time the application issued on March 6, 2001 as U.S. Patent No. 6,196,979.

5. Since the petition to withdraw the parent application from issue was not granted by the Patent and Trademark Office prior to issuance of the application as a patent, Applicant respectfully petitions that the CPA filed on February 20, 2001, be converted into a Continuation application under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

6. The general requirements for filing Continuation application under 37 CFR 1.51 are:

§ 1.51 General requisites of an application.

(b) A complete application filed under § 1.53(b) or § 1.53(d) comprises:

- (1) A specification as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. 112, including a claim or claims, see §§ 1.71 to 1.77;*
- (2) An oath or declaration, see §§ 1.63 and 1.68;*
- (3) Drawings, when necessary, see §§ 1.81 to 1.85; and*
- (4) The prescribed filing fee, see § 1.16.*

7. The requirements for the Specification and Declaration required by 37 CFR 1.53(b) are set forth at the first paragraph of the section titled "Specification and Drawings" in MPEP Section 201.06(c) as follows:

A continuation or divisional application may be filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) using the procedures set forth in 37 CFR 1.53(b), by providing: (2) a new specification and drawings and a copy of the signed oath or declaration as filed in the prior application provided the new specification and drawings do not contain any subject matter that would have been new matter in the prior application.

A new specification and drawings, including all amendments previously entered in the parent 09/139,213 application, are enclosed for filing with the Continuation application. The specification

and drawings filed herewith contain no matter that would have been new matter in the parent application. Also enclosed is a marked-up copy showing the changes made between the specification as originally filed with the parent application and the new specification. Additions are underlined while deletions are [bracketed].

8. Also attached for entry and consideration in the converted Continuation application are:

- a) A copy of the "Declaration" as filed in the parent application, serial number 09/139,213;
- b) An "Application Data Sheet";
- c) A "Supplemental Preliminary Amendment" canceling Claims 1-14 of the new specification and amending Claim 22;
- d) An "Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant" (Form PTO-1449) and associated references which were also cited in the parent case, serial number 09/139,213;
- e) "Revocation/Appointment of Power of Attorney" from the parent case, serial number 09/139,213; and
- f) A copy of the recorded assignment documents from the parent case, serial number 09/139,213.

9. Applicant requests that the "Preliminary Amendment", "Information Disclosure Statement", "Form 1449" and references filed on February 20, 2001 be entered into and considered in the converted application.

10. Please make sure all future correspondence is directed to:

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This change in correspondence address is authorized in the attached "Revocation/Appointment of Power of Attorney" from the parent application and is also included on the attached "Application Data Sheet".

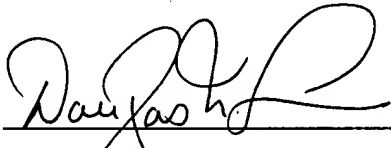
11. Please assign the converted patent application the new attorney docket number: 18950-67. This change is listed on the "Application Data Sheet".

12. Please charge the \$130.00 petition fee and any other fees to Deposit Account No. 16-2230, Attorney Docket No.: 18950-67.

12. Accordingly, issuance of a Decision granting this Petition, issuance of an official Filing Receipt for this (converted) Continuing application, and entry of the above referenced papers in the Continuing application are in order, and such action is respectfully requested. If there are any questions concerning this petition, feel free to telephone the undersigned counsel for Applicant.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: April 6, 2001

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Jorma A. Virtanen
Application No. 09/139,213
Filed: August 24, 1998
Attorney Docket No. 1296-14-999

ON PETITION

This is a decision on the petition, filed February 20, 2001,
under 37 CFR 1.313(c) to withdraw the above-identified
application from issue after payment of the issue fee.

The petition is DISMISSED as moot.

Unfortunately, the petition reached the appropriate official for
decision after the patent issued on the above-identified
application. It is noted that the instant petition was deposited
with OIPE on February 20, 2001, and not directly with the Office
of Petitions. Petitioner's attention is directed to 37 CFR
1.313(d), which states:

A petition under this section will not be effective
to withdraw the application from issue unless it is
actually received and granted by the appropriate
officials before the date of issue. Withdrawal of
an application from issue after payment of the issue
fee may not be effective to avoid publication of
application information.

The information disclosure statement (IDS) has been placed in the
file of the above-identified application without further
consideration. See 37 CFR 1.97(I).

Petitioner may request by way of a petition under 37 CFR 1.53(e)
that the 37 CFR 1.53(d) request for a continued prosecution
application be converted to a 37 CFR 1.53(b) continuing
application in order to have the prior art considered by the
examiner. The petition to convert should be directed to the
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and drawings, if required, and a copy of the signed oath/declaration. Information regarding the filing of a petition to convert may be obtained by calling the undersigned at (703) 305-8680.

Should petitioner choose this course of action, petitioner should include a copy of this decision with the petition under 37 CFR 1.53(e). The examiner is to make all applicable prior art rejections (not just include a statutory double patenting rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101) based upon the information cited in the IDS, alone or with other information of record, in the resulting application under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

In order to ensure proper processing of the petition under 37 CFR 1.53(e), the petition and accompanying application papers should be hand delivered to the Office of Petitions at Four Crystal Plaza - Suite 3C23, 2201 South Clark Place, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-8680.

The patented file will be held in the Office of Petitions for a period of one month. If no petition under 37 CFR 1.53(e) is received, the file will be forwarded to Files Repository.



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APPLICATION INFORMATION

Title Line One:: Cassette and Applicator for Biological a
Title Line Two:: nd Chemical Sample Collection
Total Drawing Sheets:: 8
Formal Drawings?: Yes
Application Type:: Utility
Docket Number:: 18950-67
Secrecy Order in Parent Appl.?: No

REPRESENTATIVE INFORMATION

Registration Number One:: 29401
Registration Number Two:: 45267
Registration Number Three:: 20142

CONTINUITY INFORMATION

This application is a:: CONTINUATION OF
> Application One:: 09/139,213
Filing Date:: 08-24-1998
Patent Number:: 6,196,979

STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)

Applicant/Patent Owner: Virtanen

Application No./Patent No.: 09/263,972

Filed/Issue Date: March 5, 1999

Entitled: MONOMOLECULAR ADHESION METHODS FOR MANUFACTURING MICROFABRICATED MULTILAMINATE DEVICES

BURSTEIN TECHNOLOGIES, INC.

(Name of assignee)

a corporation

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NOTE: A separate copy (i.e., the original assignment document or a true copy of the original document) must be submitted to Assignment Division in accordance with 37 CFR Part 3, if the assignment is to be recorded in the records of the PTO. See MPEP 302-302.8]

The undersigned (whose title is supplied below) is empowered to sign this statement on behalf of the assignee.

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Date

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Signature
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Certification under 37 CFR 3.73(b)

- ☒ is enclosed.
☐ has already been filed in this application.

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Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney for Patent Application

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As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter that is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled CASSETTE AND APPLICATOR FOR BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL SAMPLE COLLECTION, the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

☒ was filed on August 24, 1998;
as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number 09/139,213; and
was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application, which designated at least one country other than the United States listed below, and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

PRIOR FOREIGN APPLICATION(S)			
Application No.	Country	(Day/Month/Year/Filed)	Priority Claimed
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			Yes No
			Yes No
			Yes No

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Application No.	Filing Date

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3. Nature of Conveyance:

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☐ Other _____

Execution Date(s): **November 4, 1998**

4. Application number(s) or patent number(s):

If this document is being filed together with a new application, the execution date of the application is

A. Patent Application No(s). **09/139,213**

B. Patent No(s).

Additional numbers attached? ☐ yes ☒ no

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17. Total fee (37 C.F.R. § 3.41).....\$ **40.00**☒ Enclosed☐ Authorized to be charged to Deposit Account8. Deposit Account Number: **08-3038**

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Registration No.

Signature

November 10, 1998

Date

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ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or equivalent and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned: **Jorma A. VIRTANEN** the undersigned hereby sell(s) and assign(s) **NAME OF ASSIGNEE, ADDRESS AND COUNTRY** (the Assignee) his/her entire right, title and interest

check applicable box(es) ☒ for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. § 100),
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in the invention(s) known as **CASSETTE AND APPLICATOR FOR BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL SAMPLE COLLECTION** for which application(s) for patent in the United States of America has (have) been executed by the undersigned on **November 4, 1998** (also known as United States Application No. 09/139,213, filed August 24, 1998), in any and all applications thereon, in any and all Letters Patent(s) therefor, and in any and all reissues, extensions, renewals, reexaminations of such applications or Letters Patent(s) and divisional and continuation applications thereof, to the full end of the term or terms for which such Letters Patent(s) issue, including all claims, if any, that may have arisen for infringement prior to the date of this assignment, such entire right, title and interest to be held and enjoyed by the above-named Assignee to the same extent as they would have been held and enjoyed by the undersigned had this assignment and sale not been made.

The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with the application(s) and any continuing (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part), reissue, reexamination or corresponding application(s) thereof and also to execute separate assignments in connection with such applications as the Assignee may deem necessary or expedient.

The undersigned agree(s) to execute all papers necessary in connection with any interference that may be declared concerning the application(s) or any continuing (continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part), reissue or reexamination application thereof and to cooperate with the Assignee in every way possible in obtaining evidence and going forward with such interference.

The undersigned hereby represents that the undersigned has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that the undersigned has not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict therewith.

The undersigned hereby grant(s)

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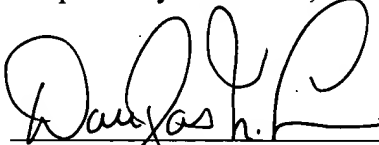
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This "Supplemental Preliminary Amendment" should be entered after the entry of the "Preliminary Amendment" filed on February 20, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please **cancel** Claims 1-14.

Please **amend** Claim 22 as follows:

22. (Amended) An analyzer disk assembly comprising:

(A) an analyzer disk having a surface adapted to engage an apparatus which contains a biological sample for transfer to said analyzer disk; and

(B) an apparatus engaged with said surface of said analyzer disk, said apparatus including:

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- (a) a cassette having walls which define a cavity for containing said biological sample;
 - (b) an inlet for introducing said biological sample into said cavity prior to engagement of said apparatus with said surface of said analyzer disk; and
 - (c) an outlet for transferring said biological sample from said cavity to said analyzer disk when said apparatus is engaged with said surface of said disk.

A clean version of the entire set of pending claims follows:

15. An apparatus for collecting a biological sample from a subject for subsequent transfer to a CD or DVD, said apparatus comprising:

- a) a cassette comprising walls which define a cavity for receiving said biological sample, said cassette being adapted to engage said CD or DVD;
- b) an inlet for transferring said biological sample from the subject into said cavity; and
- c) an outlet for transferring said biological sample from said cavity to said CD or DVD when said cassette is engaged with said CD or DVD.

16. An apparatus according to claim 15 wherein said cassette comprises a mechanical rectifier which locks said cassette in engagement with said CD or DVD.

17. An apparatus according to claim 15 wherein said inlet comprises a conduit having a first end for penetrating said subject and a second end for penetrating the wall of said cassette which defines said cavity.

18. An apparatus according to claim 15 which further comprises a reagent or washing solution for said sample.

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19. An apparatus according to claim 15 which further comprises an electrical component or microelectromechanical component.

20. An apparatus according to claim 15 which further comprises an applicator for housing said cassette prior to engagement of said cassette with said CD or DVD.

22. (Amended) An analyzer disk assembly comprising:

(A) an analyzer disk having a surface adapted to engage an apparatus which contains a biological sample for transfer to said analyzer disk; and

(B) an apparatus engaged with said surface of said analyzer disk, said apparatus including:

(a) a cassette having walls which define a cavity for containing said biological sample;

(b) an inlet for introducing said biological sample into said cavity prior to engagement of said apparatus with said surface of said analyzer disk; and

(c) an outlet for transferring said biological sample from said cavity to said analyzer disk when said apparatus is engaged with said surface of said disk.

23. A CD or DVD according to claim 22 wherein said cassette comprises a mechanical rectifier which locks said cassette in engagement with said surface of said disk body.

24. A CD or DVD according to claim 22 wherein said inlet comprises a conduit having a first end for receiving said biological sample and a second end for penetrating the wall of said cassette which defines said cavity.

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25. A CD or DVD according to claim 22 wherein said apparatus further comprises a reagent or washing solution for said sample.

26. A CD or DVD according to claim 22 wherein said apparatus further comprises an electrical component or microelectromechanical component.

27. A method for transferring a biological sample from a subject to a CD or DVD, said method comprising the steps of:

transferring the biological sample from the subject to a cavity of a cassette;

engaging said cassette with a CD or DVD; and

transferring the biological sample from said cassette to said CD or DVD.

28. A method according to claim 27 wherein said cassette further comprises a reagent or washing solution, said method comprising the step of contacting said reagent or washing solution with said biological sample located with said cavity of said cassette.

29. A method according to claim 27 which comprises the step of locking said cassette in engagement with said CD or DVD.

30. A method according to claim 27 wherein said cassette further comprises a conduit having a first end and a second end, wherein said method comprises the steps of penetrating said subject with said first end and penetrating a wall of said cavity of said cassette with said second end to provide transfer of said biological sample from said subject to said cavity.

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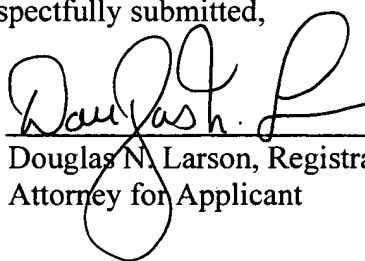
31. A method according to claim 27 wherein said cassette further comprises an electrical component or microelectromechanical component, said method comprising the step of treating said biological sample located in said cavity of said cassette with said electrical component or said microelectrochemical component.

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22. (Amended) An analyzer disk assembly comprising:

(A) [a] an analyzer disk [body] having a surface adapted to engage an apparatus which contains a biological sample for transfer to said analyzer disk; and

(B) an apparatus engaged with said surface of said analyzer disk [body], said apparatus including:

(a) a cassette having walls which define a cavity for containing said biological sample;

(b) an inlet for introducing said biological sample into said cavity prior to engagement of said apparatus with said surface of said analyzer disk [body]; and

(c) an outlet for transferring said biological sample from said cavity to said analyzer disk when said apparatus is engaged with said surface of said disk [body].

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